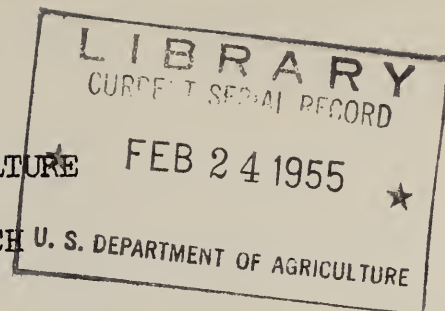


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ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 508.24

To : All ADE Field Activities Stations
From : R. J. Anderson, Chief of Branch
Subject : A Basis for Future Allocations of Funds -- Brucellosis Eradication

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to appraise all stations and cooperating officials of the current outlook and advance planning of the Animal Disease Eradication Branch with respect to the utilization of funds available for the brucellosis eradication program.

II GENERAL

Because of the cooperative nature of this program it is important that the States should be familiar with the position of the Branch in regard to the current outlook and advance planning for participation during the 1956 fiscal year, and subsequent to termination of authority granted under Public Law 690, in order to provide opportunity for each State to develop programs and program support which will (1) assure the greatest progress toward eradication of the disease in 1956, and (2) give promise of a continuing effective program with increased State support after the reduction in Federal funds made necessary by the return to the normal operating budget after fiscal year 1956.

III POLICY STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year 1955

Funds earmarked for the brucellosis program for the fiscal year 1955 were approved primarily on budget requests received from each station. These requests were developed by State and Federal cooperating officials, based on existing programs and possibilities for improvement. The possible areas for improvement were identified and outlined during the four regional conferences and through information furnished by the Branch.

Fiscal Year 1956

Because of the probability that it will not be possible to fulfill all needs for funds for fiscal year 1956, it will be necessary in the meantime to evaluate the program in each State in order to make the most

equitable distribution of available funds. Each State should make such an evaluation, not only to assure maximum progress during this period when additional Federal funds are available, but also to plan a program for the future which will protect progress made during this period and provide for the continuing support necessary to complete the project.

Federal participation in each State during the fiscal year 1956 will be determined on (1) State authority for conducting brucellosis eradication in compliance with approved procedures, (2) the nature of the program, its effectiveness toward eradication of the disease, and plans for improvement, (3) State financial support available for the fiscal year 1956, and (4) plans for continuing the project beyond fiscal year 1956.

In regard to points (1) and (2) in the foregoing paragraph, Plans A, B, and C are all procedures recommended by the United States Livestock Sanitary Association and approved by the Branch. However, it is agreed that Plan C alone cannot be considered a complete eradication program. Therefore, programs that are currently based on Plan C alone should provide for a systematic progression to Plans A and B and should eventually include the conduct of work on an area basis.

IV STATE ACTION

It is important that these matters be considered now by the State officials so that any necessary legislative action may be considered while State Legislatures are now in session. To this end, veterinarians in charge are requested to bring the contents of this memorandum immediately to the attention of State Livestock Sanitary Officials.

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